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TAGS: PN, PBOR, PGOV, EWWT, SEDU

SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN ENROLLMENTS AT KINGS POINT MERCHANT  
MARINE ACADEMY

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL THAT LEGISLATION  
BE REQUESTED TO ALLOW MORE THAN TWO PANAMANIANS TO ATTEND  
KINGS POINT MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THE  
NUMBER INVOLVED HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. THE PURPOSE OF  
THE LEGISLATION WOULD BE TO TRAIN STUDENTS WHO COULD EVEN-  
TUALLY BECOME CANAL PILOTS. NO STUDENTS WOULD BE ADMITTED  
UNLESS THEY MEET ALL OF THE OTHER REGULAR ADMISSION CRITERIA.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY EVALUATION OF THIS PROPOSAL, INCLUDING  
WHETHER THIS WOULD BE SEEN BY THE PANAMANIANS AS AN ATTEMPT  
TO UNDERMINE THEIR OWN NEWLY FOUNDED MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY,  
WHETHER IT INDEED WOULD UNDERMINE THE NEW ACADEMY, WHETHER  
THE PANAMANIANS WOULD WELCOME SUCH A GESTURE ON GENERAL  
GROUNDS, WHETHER TREATING KINGS POINT AS A KIND OF ADVANCED  
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SCHOOL WOULD BE PREFERABLE, AND HOW MANY STUDENTS EITHER  
PER YEAR OR AS A TOTAL NUMBER WE MIGHT CONSIDER ADMITTING.

3. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE REPORT ON THE PANAMANIAN  
MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY, CONCENTRATING ON THE LENGTH OF  
INSTRUCTION, CURRICULUM, SHIPBOARD EXPERIENCE, AND QUALITY

OF INSTRUCTION. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH CANAL  
COMPANY ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL. VANCE

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